

Union talks in mediation

By Stewart Shutler

Conestoga's Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) president said recently that although negotiations between faculty and management have stalled, a strike is not likely.

John Berry said the parties have gone to mediation to try to break the log jam. "It's an ongoing battle and will probably drag on for a long time."

Berry stressed that there has been no talk of a strike.

"We are looking forward to good times for all of us, but they will be trying times, with the recession and budget cuts."

The present government has been pushing for closer relations between the union and management. There have been little battles in the past but the college and the union are building a good working relationship, which has been improving since the strike in 1989, he said.

Berry said several initiatives have been agreed upon already, such as enhanced early retirement. People have to be let go somehow and this would be better than layoffs, where young people would be lost. One of the things they are fighting for — "quality of education" — is a diffi-

cult term. "How do you measure something like that?"

Berry said in the college system, there is a lot of student-directed hours which means less hours for the teachers. He thinks this is OK for third-year students because they have more to guide them.

Another battle they are fighting is with the Ontario Training Advisory Board. Berry said the board decides which new training facilities receive grants.

More and more training facilities are popping up, he said, and this tampers with the college system. Anytime there are new courses, or changes in courses, there is a time-lag of area industry accepting students because of the changes in the way students do things.

Berry came into the college system in 1978, and has been faculty president for a year. He said he has been involved in unions for several years, and used to be in management.

"At one time, I even negotiated on the other side, with the United Steel Workers."

Berry said he thinks Conestoga is one of the better colleges going, especially with the way it has been accepted by industry in the area. He said he's proud to be here.

Egerdeen gets a suspended sentence

By Daniel Harrison

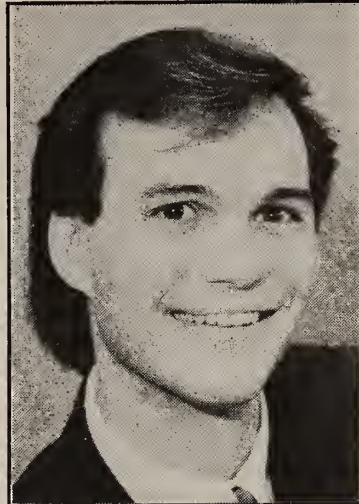
A former Conestoga College student charged with sexual assault has been publicly "flogged" for a relatively less-serious offence and doesn't deserve a jail term, a Kitchener judge said.

General court Justice Roger Salhany made the remarks when handing down a one-year, suspended sentence April 3 to former Doon Student Association entertainment manager Tim Egerdeen, the Kitchener-Waterloo Record reported.

Egerdeen pleaded guilty in February to a charge of sexual assault. Three other charges, including another sexual assault charge, were dropped when the guilty plea was entered.

The crown attorney had asked that Egerdeen be sent to jail for the remaining charge.

Justice Salhany said he abhors sexual assault and has given out stiff sentences in the past, The Record reported. But in this case,



Tim Egerdeen

Egerdeen had been "socially flogged in public" and the assault was not a serious sexual assault when compared to others. A jail term was not warranted, he said.

The assault didn't happen to a woman walking down the street by a stranger, but after a woman had willingly gone to a man's room and engaged in hugging and petting, the judge said. She can't expect every piece of conduct to be examined, he said.

Egerdeen admitted to his lawyer that "he'd gone over the line," The Record said.

The judge said there was no evidence the woman had suffered lasting harm.

He also said the case didn't deserve the public attention it garnered.

Egerdeen has been forced to move from two places he's lived. See Egerdeen, page 3

Special needs develops a new handbook

By Jayson Hunt

In the fall, new and returning students will be introduced to the college's first-ever handbook on special needs says its author-editor Rick Casey.

The handbook for faculty and students with disabilities is essential "to make sure the student population at the college, as well as those students who are just arriving, are aware that we (special needs department) exist and are aware of the services we provide," said Casey, the college's special needs co-ordinator.

The 48-page handbook project was started five months ago and Casey said he hopes to have a glossy, finished product by the end of April.

The book provides information on how to approach faculty, gives classroom tips, instructional strategies and tells what is available in the community in terms of resources and agencies such as the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Casey has also included accessibility maps, which indicates where accessible parking and washroom facilities are located.

All this, Casey said, helps to make the handbook more reflective of the college.

Most of the material for the book Casey was able to obtain from other institutions he has worked closely with in the past. This allowed him to complete the book rapidly, he said.

To make the handbook unique to

the college community, Casey put in some of his own ideas and information, while trying at the same time to keep the book relatively generic.

"There is no generic handbook that you could lay on the provincial level and say this is what every college and university does — it has to be reflective of your institution," Casey said.

He added that he wanted to keep the handbook relatively generic to avoid people having conflicts with the content of the book.

"I don't think people will find (the book) offensive, it simply states the reality of the disabled."

Casey has received some responses from people he has consulted with, but said most of them have been minor errors.

New bursary for graphic design students

By M.L. Skornyak

The Quarry Communications Group of Waterloo has established a bursary for Conestoga College graphic design students at the Doon campus.

"Our company has benefited tremendously from Conestoga's design program," said Alan Quarry,

agency president, in a recent press release.

The \$500 award will be presented annually to the second-year student with the highest academic standing.

Named after retired company founder Robert Quarry, the first scholarship will be awarded in September 1992 to a student currently enrolled in second year.

"By establishing this award, we want to give something back to the community and do our part to ensure that the school continues to foster excellence among its graduates," Quarry said.

Quarry Advertising currently employs four graduates of the Conestoga College graphic design program.

Home and leisure show a first for Conestoga

By Stewart Shutler

The Home, Sports and Leisure Show at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre had a little something for everyone.

The show, held from April 3 to 6, was the first show of its kind at the centre.

Barry Hicken, the event organizer, said he'd like to hold a spring and fall show annually.

In organizing the event, he said he received a lot of encouragement from area businesses and groups.

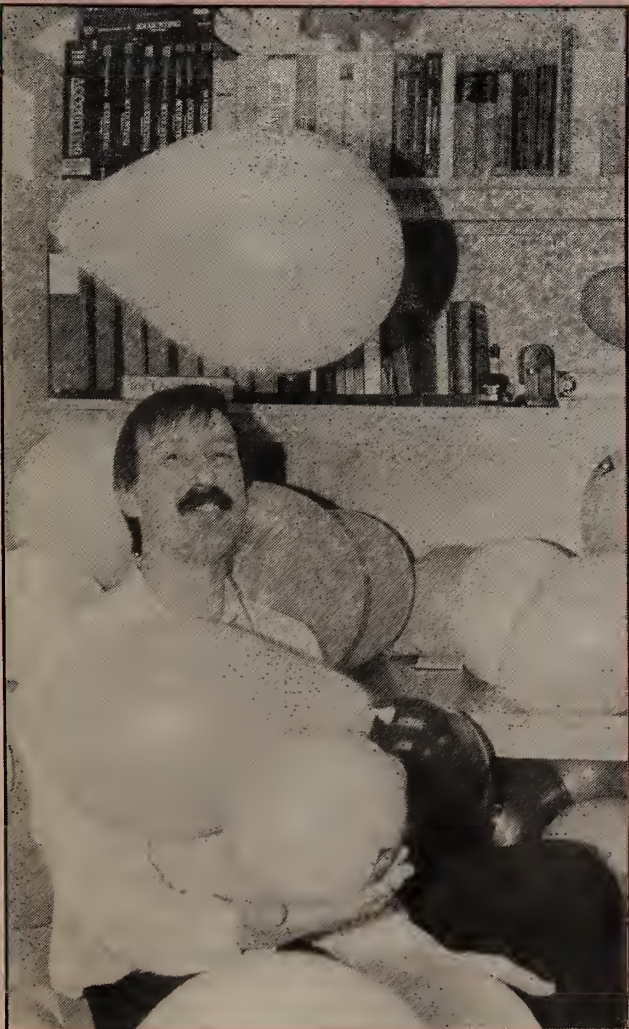
Community services such as the Food Bank of Waterloo Region; the Waterloo regional police; the AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener-Waterloo and Area; and Conestoga College all had displays describing their various functions.

New products and services, such as a hand-held security alarm and

an indoor glow-in-the-dark miniature golf course called A Shot In The Dark, were vying for consumers' attention.

Arts and crafts such as baskets and silk flowers were also on display.

Amazing TV Products, which includes such wonders as the Super Snacker Sandwich Maker, the Bonzai 2000 knife, and the Sisan Steam Smoother also had displays.



April Fools

Accounting teacher Frank Mensink tosses balloons into the air after students played an April Fool's Day joke by filling his, Pat Morgan and Ian Mathews office up with balloons.

(Photo by Daniel Harrison)

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To strike, or not to strike



By
Ken Cenerelli

The strike by National Hockey League players on April 1st has left many of us fans caught between common sense and anger.

The unionized players voted 560-4 in favor of a strike effective at 3 p.m. that day. This strike, the first of its kind in the league's 75 years, has left an indelible mark on the NHL.

The players are striking for a number of reasons, the biggest being the amount of licensing fees the players receive. As it now stands, players get about \$11 million in licensing fees from sports card companies, which the players use as the main fund for their

union. The owners want a piece of this pie, but the players see this as an attempt to break up their union.

Other issues include the length of the contract between the NHL and the National Hockey League Players' Association, pensions, the length of the regular season schedule, free agency, player's contract arbitration and the entry draft.

All this turmoil leaves fans with mixed emotions.

As fans, we have known for years that the NHL has been underpaying their players, with the owners reaping the benefits. The players' salaries have not climbed in comparison to those in baseball or football.

But for those sports, the owners rely heavily on television revenue to underwrite some of these salaries. Also, the teams play to crowds of 50,000 and larger.

So, fans, we are caught in the middle.

We want the sport to be in the same area of recognition as baseball in the U.S., but for this we are paying the price. The price the other two leagues have already experienced — a strike.

We want everyone south of St. Louis to know who Mario Lemieux or Patrick Roy is. But are we ready to be like baseball and have 269 players making at least \$1 million a year? Or 22 above the \$4-million-a-year mark?

As for the anger, we feel we are being cheated. We watch 80 games a year, waiting for the second week in April when the games start to mean something. When the best teams start their road to the Stanley Cup.

But these games have now been put in jeopardy. What about teams like the New York Rangers or Vancouver Canucks who could advance to the finals after years of coldrums, but are now on the sidelines because of the players' strike?

Mike Gartner, a 13-year-veteran of the league and player rep for the Rangers, knows this year might be his only chance to win the Cup, and yet he lead his team's fight for a new union contract and eventually a strike.

Dedication to something you believe in can affect something you've always dreamed about.

Fans feel little sympathy for athletes making \$350,000 a year. But sport, like anything else, is a business. All parties must be on the look out for their own well being.

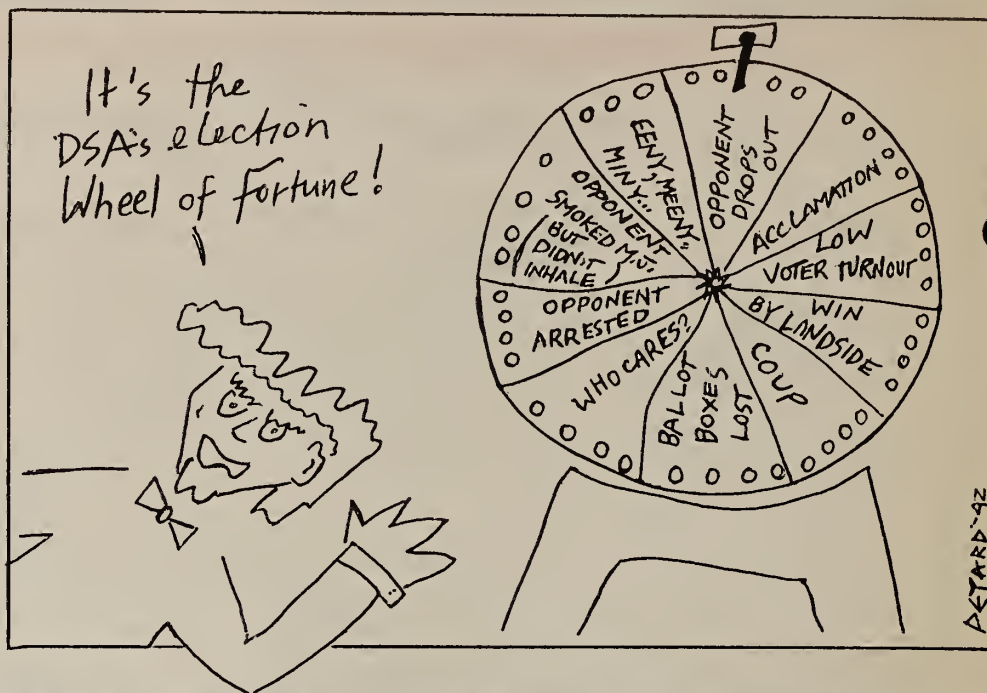
So fans, we know what the players are doing is right, but wish it could have been solved through negotiation. Our only consolation is we hope the strike is a short one.

Letters to the editor

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OPINION

SPIN THAT WHEEL—



Student apathy dampens elections

Another Doon Student Association election has come and gone. Unfortunately, again the result reflects poorly on the students at the college's Doon campus.

The result — or rather non-result — shows the awful apathy rampant at the campus. All three of next year's executive positions were filled by acclamation.

In a bizarre twist, the presidential race ended when candidate Rob Erickson announced — the day before voting was to start — that he didn't meet the DSA's constitutionally-mandated minimum grade-point requirement.

A candidate dropping out of a race should not be a big deal — unless it's a two-horse race.

And a two-horse race it was. Well, not so much a race as a crawl. The campaigning was lackadaisical at best. Candidates for the DSA should take a look at the campaigns run at the other campuses.

At Waterloo campus, three candidates ran for president and put on a spirited campaign. One with ideas and verve.

At Doon campus, the students were subjected to a weak campaign and even weaker promises.

A lot of attention will be focused on the Erickson "scandal." He tried to pull the wool over the student body's eyes. That raises questions about his ability to govern and, more importantly, the type of candidate the student body is attracting.

But the spotlight should be on the campaign itself. Examined under a microscope, neither of the presidential candidates had any ideas that were attractive, and virtually no debate over past DSA programs occurred.

President-elect — this year, an oxymoronic term — Todd Sutherland's idea of making every student pay for parking, regardless of whether they own a car, had as its only redeeming factor that it was ill-conceived.

And both candidates wanted to enhance DSA teamwork, communication and school spirit. Motherhood issues all.

Ironically, the most useful idea came from Erickson — purchasing a student microwave. Sutherland should adopt it. It's a small expenditure that would benefit most students.

That's the highlights of the campaign. Yawn.

Is the DSA irrelevant? Is that why nobody ran?

The DSA's top job is not an all-powerful one or a blank cheque. But it does have great potential for good work.

The association also has serious responsibilities, including collecting and spending a substantial amount of student money.

And it will continue to do so. Obviously, it doesn't need to be argued that it isn't going to disappear. A cohesive student voice at Doon campus is needed.

In the past, the DSA has tried to do a good job, but has run smack-dab into student apathy.

Even though the talent brought in is first rate, the pubs are not well attended and the nooners are virtually ignored.

Nobody attends board of director meetings. Student issues are not debated in the hallways. The latest plotlines on Beverly Hills, 90210 get more dissection. Maybe it's because the students at Doon campus are stuck at the high school maturity level.

If nobody cares, it's not the fault of the DSA as an institution. A student association mirrors the students. The fault lies squarely with the students at Doon campus.

Each and every one should hang their heads in shame at this year's election result.

— Daniel Harrison

Sloppy journalism clouds issues

A recent article headed, Clinton experimented with marijuana 'a time or two', appeared in the March 30 Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

More than three quarters of the article was dedicated to how Democratic presidential front-runner Bill Clinton experimented with marijuana twice, without inhaling, while attending Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar from 1968 to 1970.

Who cares?

It is disturbing that something Clinton did more than two decades ago would be brought up today. He only tried marijuana twice without actually inhaling, and in an era when recreational drug use was considered normal. Even more disturbing was that it occurred in another country.

The only purpose for writing about Clinton's experimentation with marijuana is to blatantly harm his reputation as a presidential candidate.

The idea of journalists writing shocking accounts of other people's indiscretions is both tabloidish and somewhat hypocritical.

What were these journalists themselves doing from 1968 to 1970?

The remaining quarter of the article was dedicated to what should have been the focus of the article: an

hour-long forum with former California governor Jerry Brown, Clinton's lone challenger for the nomination.

Brown is the only one that could benefit by the disclosure of Clinton's drug use and he clearly indicated his indifference to what happened 20 years ago.

Brown was quoted as saying: "Why don't you lay off this stuff — what you did 20 years ago is not relevant."

Not that illegal drug use is insignificant, but what Clinton did two decades ago has no bearing on his ability as a political leader today.

Most people would agree that what politicians do in their public lives is fair game to be scrutinized. Furthermore, most would agree that if there is a serious injustice in politicians' private lives, that too is fair game. But to go back two decades is just ridiculous.

If the same scrutiny was applied to everyone there would be no leaders. Everyone has made mistakes whether it be trying marijuana or accidentally forgetting to pay for that gumball that mysteriously appeared in one's pocket after leaving a variety store.

If people worried less about what might-be politicians did 20 years ago and focused on IF these politicians would make good leaders, we might improve our governments.

— Jayson Hunt

Job market tough, LASA students told

By Stewart Shutler

Brian King told law and security administration students at their annual awards banquet on April 3, at the Waterloo Inn, that the two most important things for them to have are ambition and a positive attitude. He graduated from Conestoga College in 1978 from the then criminology program. King told more than 300 people, including students, alumni, faculty, and representatives from the law and security field, that they should never lose sight of their goals. In an interview after the dinner, King said his goal was to be an investigator and that goal has come true. King's agency, King-Reed & Associates Ltd., is currently working on the Elizabeth Bain case in Toronto. King founded the agency in 1984 along with another Conestoga graduate, Marc Reed. Besides Toronto, they have offices in Kitchener-Waterloo, Sudbury, Barrie, and Trenton. In talking about positive attitudes, King said too many people think negatively. He said they must try to understand their emotions and feelings, and be more self-confident.

King read from a book called *The Secret of Inner Strength*. It included such familiar, but useful nuggets, of wisdom as: make the best of everyday, there's always somebody worse off than you, and learn from yesterday and live for today. King told students that it is good to keep Conestoga College textbooks because he found things in them in recent years that he couldn't find in any library. Unfortunately, King couldn't give LASA students much comfort about the job market. He said it is very competitive in the public sector right now because of budget cut backs and hiring freezes. In the interview, he said one of the reasons he spoke at the banquet was to promote an alternative to police work. He said students should try not to have a preference between the private and public sector. "Just get whatever job you can," he said. After King finished his speech, he donated a video camera to the LASA program from his investigation agency. The camera, he said could be used for teaching surveillance. The Outstanding Student Awards,

chosen by the students, were given to first-year student Patricia Lee, and second-year students Ron Dedman and Jaimi Prentice, president of the banquet committee. The winners of the Faculty Awards, for academic achievement, leadership and fellowship, were first-year student Steven Schmelzle and second-year student Tammy Evans. The Fitness Award, presented for the first time, had three co-winners. It was given to second-year students Anna Burak, Simon Hawkins, and Mike Duwendyk. Door prizes of Toronto Blue Jay tickets were given to second-year student Terry Martin. A picture painted by second-year student Michelle Franks was won by alumnus Bill Oliver. After the awards, a slide show of the past year's LASA activities set to the music of television police shows was shown. It was presented by second-year students Heather MacDonald and Sonja Zugaj. Ovide Mercredi, the Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, was originally scheduled to be the guest speaker. He cancelled his appearance on Jan. 17 due to all the media attention he received regarding his constitutional reform ideas.



Ivana Kana, left, and Karen Frey, first and second-year LASA students, do the limbo at the LASA awards banquet. (Photo by Stewart Shutler)



Pop art!

Steve Leatherland, a third-year telecommunications student, climbs over his masterpiece of pop cans. The Doon campus student said he created his work because he wanted to do something that was "different."

(Photo by Tammy Caron)

Correction

In the April 6 edition of Spoke, the article entitled Students showcase their talents at Homegrown '92, inadvertently named John White the winner of the Homegrown '92 solo category. The winner was Carey B. Grant. Spoke regrets the error.

Egerdeen 'flogged,' says judge

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because of the publicity and charges, his lawyer said. The judge said Egerdeen was very mature in some areas, but noted "his attitude towards women was very juvenile," the newspaper said. As a condition of his suspended sentence, Egerdeen was ordered to attend counselling. The charge concerned an incident at Egerdeen's home May 11, 1990.

Egerdeen and a 20-year-old woman had been dating for a time and she had spurned his many suggestions that they have sex, *The Record* said. On May 11, the two were sitting on Egerdeen's bed "cuddling" when he suddenly forced her down and removed her panties. Egerdeen did not remove his clothing and did not attempt intercourse. The incident lasted about a minute, *The Record* said.

The woman struggled free and, later, the two went out with friends together. Egerdeen was a former DSA entertainment manager. He resigned from the post in early 1990 and, in a swirl of controversy, was named assistant to then DSA president John Lassel. After the charges were laid, he was expelled from Conestoga College. He recently ran for city council in Waterloo.

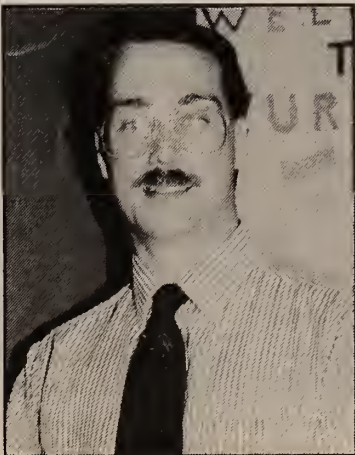
Hepatitis vaccine administered at Doon

By Ted Hodgins

Hepatitis B is a virus that is contracted by more than 50 million people annually. A person may have the virus and show no symptoms. There is no cure for hepatitis B and it is projected by health care officials that the number of known cases will increase dramatically in the next few years. There is, however, a vaccine to prevent catching it. John Burrows, of the biologicals division of SmithKline Beecham Pharma, was at the college's Doon campus helping Health Services administer the vaccine to students in high-risk programs. The immunization costs \$90 for the required three doses. "They are saving the shipping fees and other costs that they would get if bought in a drug store," he said. "They would be looking at a cost of anywhere from \$130 to \$150." The Ontario health care system does not cover the cost of the injections. "They will cover it for certain groups, but they won't cover it for occupation-related groups, and that's the problem." Programs that are in the higher-risk category include early childhood education, law and security administration, nursing, nursing assistant and lab technician. Hepatitis B is a virus that can lead to serious illness, and sometimes

even death. Acute hepatitis B infection is a major cause of fulminant hepatic failure (sudden liver failure). Some may be sick for a long time and be infectious to those around them. In the long term, chronic carriers may develop hepatic cirrhosis or liver cancer. The largest group of people will be sick with different degrees of illness, some will require hospitalization and some will show no symptoms at all. Burrows came to the campus with the vaccine. He was surprised that 121 students signed up, considering how late in the semester the vaccinations took place. "Next year we hope to come again and maybe get information out to

students before they are accepted into a risk program." There are three shots involved in the vaccine. There is the initial shot, one a month after and one six months after the first shot. There is also one booster shot recommended after five years. Burrows warns, however, that this is not a cure for hepatitis. "This is only good for prevention. Our whole idea of coming here was so people could be protected before they go out into a risk area." There is only one minor side effect to the drug and the majority of the population can use the vaccine. Side effects strike one in five people. They get a sore arm, which is easily managed with an Aspirin. The only people who can't take it are people who are allergic to yeast. Generally, those people would know because they couldn't eat bread, or drink beer or wine. Burrows feels that the number of cases of the virus will increase worldwide until drastic measures are taken. "The incidence of the disease has been increasing ever since it was first tracked," Burrows said. "The vaccine has been around for a long time, but because they did not do a mass program right away and vaccinate everyone, we are still seeing more and more cases. So it is a bigger risk today than it was 10 or 20 years ago."



John Burrows

Emergency!

Students learn from simulated, true-to-life scenarios

With smoke billowing from a burning building a metre from his head, ambulance attendant Ben Fehr works feverishly on a fallen firefighter.

"Get me a neck brace!" he calls. But his partner Jeff Foster is busy helping a badly-burned youth, and the fire company is short-staffed and can't spare a body to assist the ambulance crew.

A second ambulance arrives; help is on the way. But so is a second injured firefighter.

All in a day's work for an ambulance attendant.

Except this day's emergencies weren't real — except in minds of the 29 students of Conestoga College's ambulance and emergency care program.

They spent five hours in Baden April 4 participating in mock emergency situations with Baden volunteer firefighters.

It would be the last — and first — chance to put together a year of in-class training to real-life situations before final exams, all under the watchful eyes of experienced ambulance attendants from the Kitchener-Waterloo regional ambulance service and the Sarnia city ambulance service.

Each situation had one or two, two-person crews assigned. The other students would watch.

Scenarios dissected

After each scenario, the students filed into the Baden fire hall and their actions were dissected and critiqued by the pros, first generally in front of the group. Then each student was walked through their actions individually.

It was the fifth year for the mock emergencies, said program instructor Wendy Spiegelberg.

"It's unique because you have so many different services together in one spot working together.

"We couldn't afford to bring all

this experience to the college," she said.

Each scenario wasn't cut and dry, or known by the attendants in advance. The victims wore makeup to simulate real injuries. Each scenario had a twist.

During the barn fire, the number of injured continued to escalate and smoke wafted menacingly close. An explosion shook the barn.

In another scenario, a farmer had his hand caught in a corn harvester — a piece of equipment not familiar to the attendants.

There were also electrocution and murder-suicide scenarios.

"You can't do this sort of thing in the classroom."
— Fehr

During a two-car crash scenario — where one car was pinned against a telephone pole — the driver couldn't speak English and her two children had been thrown around the inside of the car.

Injuries were unknown and the children were in awkward positions. The other car had to have its roof removed to get the young driver out.

After the two-car crash, K-W ambulance attendant Justin Whittacher told the group that the crew had missed the first step in assessing a situation — triage, or deciding who should be treated first.

"Triage, triage, triage and triage. That's the key. It wasn't done," he said.

But he quickly praised the crew on the care they administered to the four victims.

Then he spent 20 minutes talking

to the group about the various other keys to this type of call. The review was repeated for each scenario.

For Fehr, the mock emergencies are crucial.

"You can't do this sort of thing in the classroom," he said. "You can't put together everything you've learned without having experienced it. This does it."

The students will write final exams soon, then a special Ministry of Health exam before they can become attendants. They'll also ride with a crew for 120 hours.

Two pairs of students will compete in a provincial emergency medicine competition April 11.

The scenarios give them a chance to see what they'll experience before they have to live it, Foster said.

"This lets us get right into scenarios. We can get valuable experience here that'll transfer to the job," he said.

And the students also get to know the priorities and mindset of the firefighter.

Valuable experience

It's also valuable experience for the firefighters. Wilmot Township fire Chief Blaine Bechthold said the practice is a great opportunity to work on various rescue and emergency techniques.

He said most of his service's 107 calls last year were non-fire, meaning firefighters are responding to more medical and rescue calls than ever. They have to work closely with ambulance crews.

The scenarios allow them to watch attendants in action and learn from the students, too, he said.

"This is a great idea, a great day," Fehr said.



Jeff Foster gives oxygen to a fallen Baden firefighter during the mock emergency training exercise.



Joe Vogan, left, and Mike Schill stabilize Scott Sutton before removing his arm from a corn harvester.



Jon Schumacher and Baden firefighter Peter Gingerich work to extricate a car accident victim.



Matt Valeriotte, left, and Ben Fehr, far right, work feverishly on a fallen Baden firefighter at the mock emergency training exercise in Baden April 4.

Galloping Gourmets

Students serve up food, fun at awards banquet

Voices were loud, pots were banging and the kitchen was hot. All was necessary for the 12th annual food and beverage management awards dinner held April 4 at the Waterloo campus.

Unlike previous years, the 1992 food and beverage graduating class decided to focus more on the preparation and presentation of the food, rather than a theme.

Tim Martin, a second-year student and chef, said in the past students have had themes. Last year's theme was country and western, Martin said.

"In the past students focused too much on the theme rather than the food. We (the students) decided to focus on the food so we prepared a five course meal."

The graduating students both prepared and served the dinner for more than 100 guests.

Paul Griffin, one of the students, said they started to prepare the food two days before the dinner. "We made the desserts and most of the food that could be frozen Thursday in order to be ready for tonight," Griffin said.

Griffin added that the wine being served was paid for by the graduat-

ing students through tips the students made this year working at the Waterloo campus restaurant.

Students were thanked and wished well in the future by both board of governors chair Jan Hayward and Conestoga College President John Tibbits.

Five awards were presented:

- Darlene Copeland received the Canadian Hospitality Foundation and Garland Commercial Ranges Limited Awards for leadership qualities shown inside and outside of a lab setting;
- the Waterloo-Wellington-Perth Hospitality Association Awards for contributing to the industry through full or part-time employment while maintaining a high academic standing were won by Peter Mussleman and Victoria Bauer;
- Shawn Frederick received the Hospitality Advisory Committee Award for highest academic achievement;
- and Tim Martin won the Region of Waterloo Culinary Association Award in recognition of achievement in displaying a high level of culinary skills and leadership in the kitchen.

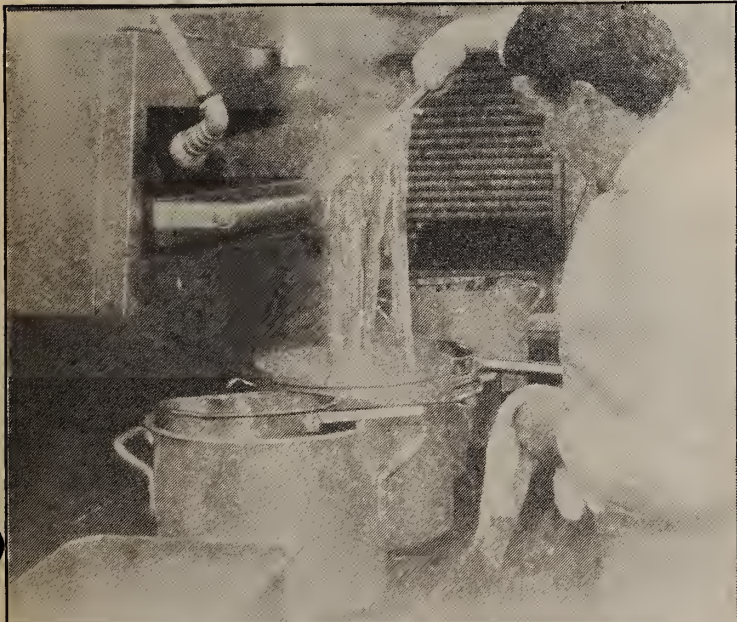


From left: Darlene Copeland, Peter Mussleman, Tim Martin, Victoria Bauer and Shawn Frederick. All were winners at the food and beverage banquet.



Food and beverage management student Angela Brenner arranges dessert trays. The desserts were served to awaiting guests at the awards banquet.

Story and photos by Jayson Hunt



Chef Tim Martin prepares one of the five courses served at the food and beverage management awards dinner.



Chef Tim Martin delicately slices the dinner's main course — beef Wellington.

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Special feature to Spoke

Former BRT student brightens AM radio

By Mark Weise
Special to Spoke

"Quiet you numbskulls, I'm broadcasting."
It's 6 p.m. on a dreary Monday evening and Larry Fine has taken over AM radio in the Waterloo Region. After three years in local Top-40 radio, he has reached the peak.

Last November, the AM109 disc jockey was rated No. 1 in his time slot, 6 p.m. to midnight, weekdays. The surveys are done twice yearly, in May and November, and cover the cities of Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge.

The 28-year-old former Conestoga College student, whose real name is Steve Sobczuk, grins at the pseudonym. When he started at AM109 in 1989, there were already two Steves on the air. The program director suggested Larry, and Sobczuk said "Fine" — as in Larry Fine of the Three Stooges.

The Stooge pseudonym foreshadows the show — an energetic joy-ride through contemporary music. Sobczuk began his radio career at CKMS, the University of Waterloo's radio station, while attending theatre arts courses at Kitchener-Waterloo collegiate.

After working at CKMS for more than three years, he enrolled in the broadcasting — radio and television course at Conestoga College. He attended the 1982-83 school year, and credits the course with teaching him the skills to find a job in radio. He says it also taught him the "big three" rules of radio — keep a one-to-one rapport with the audience, wear a physical smile and breathe from the diaphragm.

He worked at Sam the Record Man in Kitchener for five years while attending Wilfrid Laurier University part-time. Somewhere in there he found the time to do a show at CKWR, Waterloo's community radio station.

It was at the record store where he met a radio producer who told him of the job at AM109. He started part-time, eventually moving up to the evening time slot he now commands.

Sobczuk considers it his duty to be "alive and opinionated." He feels it makes him more three-dimensional to listeners. "There's so many guys (disc jockeys) out there who are bland, boring and predictable."

He admits to being chastised on occasion for criticizing music. "New Kids on the Block and Michael Bolton — those are my two big hates," he says. "Michael Bolton is the Barry Manilow of the '90s." Sobczuk doesn't want to alienate his audience, but "Top-40 plays too many ballads — icky, sticky ballads."

Aside from a serious beef against baby boomer, classic-rock dominated radio, Sobczuk loves his job. "When I was 12, I knew what I wanted to do." He pushes hair from his face, and one can see the intensity there. A music-buff? "An obsession, more like."

Scott Farhood, AM109's overnight disk jockey (midnight to 6 a.m.), says Sobczuk is a "musicologist. Anything you want to know about music, just ask Larry." Farhood also attended Conestoga College's broadcasting course, and has been with AM109 for two years. He says he enjoys the more relaxed pace of the overnight shift, but doesn't get a lot of exposure there. He laughs about a woman he was recently introduced to as a disc jockey at AM109. "She looks at me and says, 'Are you Larry Fine?'"

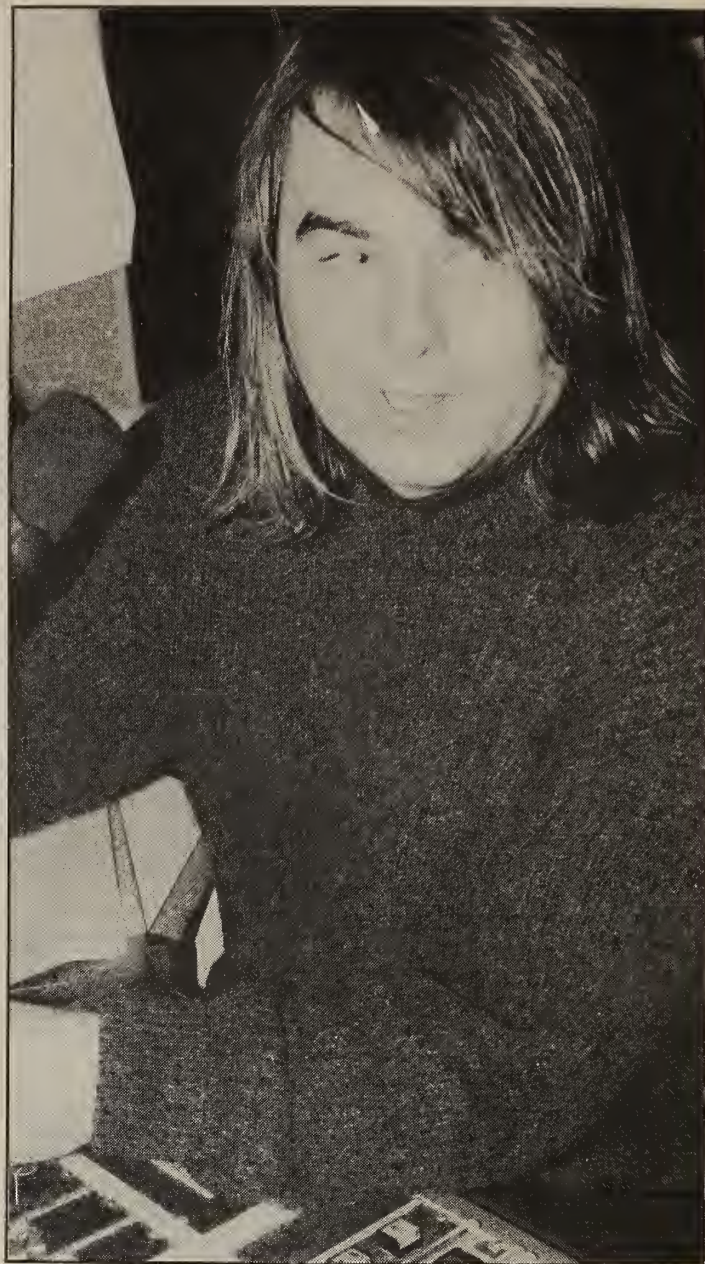
Sobczuk expressed an interest in programming someday, but for now he is content where he is — a disc jockey on Top-40 radio. "Top-40 is a place where a wide variety of music and musicians meet," he says. "I think FM radio is a wasteland of oldies and mush. It totally caters to a baby boom audience. I'm not interested in reliving the past."

This attitude may not win him a popularity vote with the massive baby boomer generation, but Sobczuk is making no apologies. "I just want people to come back," he says. And they do come back. On a slow night he fields more than 200 phone calls and on a busy night, up to 500.

What it really comes down to is the music, which is mostly programmed during weekly music meetings with the program director. "We (disc jockeys) can get away with taking the odd liberty," he says.

Sobczuk is still relatively new to this business. But that may help him win over an important demographic group.

Twelve-year-old Robyn Ann Ramanaskous says Larry Fine is her favorite disk jockey. "I like the music he plays," she says, "and his voice."



Former Conestoga College student Steve Sobczuk, a.k.a. Larry Fine, hard at work at AM109.

(Photo by Mark Weise)

DSA helps peer tutoring program

By Ted Hodgins

The Doon Student Association presented a cheque of \$1,000 to the college's Student Services department to help support the peer tutoring program it offers.

"The DSA realizes the importance of this program to the college and they kick in some money each year," said Jack Fletcher, chair of Student Services.

"They have been giving us about a \$1,000 each year for the past few years."

Fletcher said that the program is 99 per cent funded by the school and DSA helps out with the rest because they see how successful the program is.

"The program has an 80 per cent success rate, which means that 80 per cent of the students who come to the tutors for help, their marks go up and that's great," Fletcher said.

Fletcher feels that the program is doing well because everyone benefits.

"Students win because their

marks go up. The tutors win because of the great experience. The school wins because we have more graduates and the student government wins because they have another chance to help the students," Fletcher said.

DSA president Jeffery Nold said that the size of the donation depends on what the student government can afford from their budget, but said he was glad the DSA could help out with what they could.

"It's a great example of students helping students," Nold said.



Jeffrey Nold, president of the Doon Student Association and Anita Arnold, DSA vice-president of administration, present a cheque to Jack Fletcher and Joan Magazine from Student Services.

(Photo by Daniel Harrison)



Booked up!

The 28th annual Canadian Federation of University Women book sale was held April 3, and some proceeds go towards financially assisting a Conestoga College female student.

(Photo by Tammy Caron)

ENTERTAINMENT

Nooner causes controversy

By Ted Hodgins

A nooner at the Doon campus of Conestoga College March 31 featured the year's only female comic and she turned out to be the year's most controversial.

Sherry O'Brien was the latest of the Doon Student Association-sponsored comics. Her act centred around her sex life and the fact that she is one of only a small number of female comics in Canada.

"I've played in some clubs that had a clientele entirely made up of people who were too unstable to get into the Hell's Angels," O'Brien said.

She paused about half-way through her act when she and the audience

realized that there was a large group of elementary school students listening in on the show. The students, who were on a tour of the college, were lunching in the blue cafeteria and had stuck their heads in to hear the show.

O'Brien seemed unconcerned when she realized the school kids were catching her "R-rated" show.

"You kids must be at least 13 or 14. I'm not talking about anything you haven't heard already," O'Brien said. "Hell, you kids probably have a better sex life than I do."

Shawn MacEwen, the DSA entertainment manager, told the crowd at the end of the show, "I'll probably get a few memos about this one."

O'Brien said after the show that

she has gotten flak before.

"I would love to stick around and see the letter-writing campaign we are going to get because of this one," O'Brien said.

Although she likes to joke about her experiences, the response that she gets from her performances affects her.

"My act is not some fictional person, it's me and my life," O'Brien said. "It's hard not to take it personally."

She enjoyed the show and thought it went well, but she had some criticisms about nooner timings.

"These things should not be held on people's lunch hour. People are eating their lunch and enjoying their free time, sometimes I felt like I was interrupting them."



Sherry O'Brien talked up a storm at a recent nooner.

(Photo by Tammy Caron)

Wayne's World sucks. NOT!

By Ken Cenerelli

"It's Wayne's World. Excellent. Woo-woo-woo."

As I sat and watched one of this year's funniest movies, all I could think was: This movie sucks. NOT!

Wayne's World focuses on Wayne Campbell (Mike Meyers), the host of a late-night public access television show, and his buddy Garth Algar (Dana Carvey).

The movie is based on a skit Meyers created for Saturday Night Live. Campbell hosts the show from his basement in Aurora, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

The premise of the film is to see what Wayne's life is really like after the cameras are shut off.

The viewers are exposed to "Wayne's World," where Wayne is king and his legions of followers are everywhere. We travel around Aurora with Wayne and Garth in

Garth's Mirthmobile — a souped-up AMC Pacer. We're also introduced to Wayne's infatuated ex-girlfriend Stacy (Lara Flynn Boyle) and to Garth's dreamwoman (Donna Dixon).

The show becomes so popular that television executive Benjamin Oliver (Rob Lowe) swindles Wayne into a national syndication deal and eventually the show's rights.

Wayne must battle Oliver for his show and for his girlfriend, Cassandra (Tia Carrere), who Oliver has stolen. The ending is like a "Choose Your Own Adventure" novel with several endings for the viewer.

Wayne's World co-writer Bonnie Turner says, "Wayne is what every kid wants to be, and Garth is what every kid fears he is."

This movie should be seen for the parodies of American culture and the hilarious facial expressions of the two. For example, on a trip to Milwaukee,

they imitate the opening credits to the TV show Laverne and Shirley.

The facial expressions also must be studied. The grins of both Wayne and Garth are priceless, but so are the looks of infatuation when the two see their true loves and the song "Dream Weaver" cues up.

The movie contains influences from Meyer's boyhood days in Scarborough, including the naming of a bar — the Gasworks — after one in Toronto. There is also Stan Makita's Donut Shop, a take-off on the Tim Horton donut chain.

This movie sustains itself for the length of the film, but after the first hour the jokes become repetitive and usually few in the theatre are laughing by then.

It can be this year's Home Alone, a big money-maker with definite sequel potential, but definitely not Oscar material.

Provocative questions highlight Dating Game

By Stewart Shutler

If you were an animal, what kind would you be? This may sound like Barbara Walters, but it was a one of a series of interesting questions in the Doon Student Association's Dating Game.

Chris O'Hagan, a second-year law and security administration student and DSA pub manager, won a dinner with Deena Mihas, a first-year marketing student in the Dating Game.

Mihias, Debbie Julnes, a first-year nursing student, and Cara-Mae Hackett, a first-year journalism student, were chosen from the audience to be asked questions by O'Hagan.

Several of the questions were loaded with sexual innuendo. Examples are: "What is the wildest thing you have done, and what is the wildest thing you want to do?" and "What is your favorite position — in football?"

In the second game, Anna Burak, a second-year LASA student, was a bachelorette, asking questions of Stu Schneider, a third-year marketing student; Dennis Anstett, a second-year accounting student; and Matthew Golden, a first-year construction engineering student.

Anstett got the most applause from the audience when he answered the animal question. His reply: "An arctic wolf, because it mates for life." But Golden won the dinner for two with Burak.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Directors

of the Doon Student Association
will be holding an open forum
to address the concerns of students in regards
to any DSA policies or procedures.

The forum will be held on

Tuesday, April 28
at 4 p.m.
in Room 2A56.



All students and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Issues that will be addressed include:

Capital Development Fund Committee
Election Procedures
External Communication
The DSTA and DSNA
and any other concerns students raise.

Also meet the new DSA Executive Members.

Free Nooner

featuring

Ronnie Edwards



Tuesday, April 14
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Doon Cafeteria

Don't miss out on the last act of the year!

The Doon Student Association

would like to extend a special thank you
to our sponsor for the DSA Dating Game.



Fairway Road

SPORTS

Spring Thaw Boat Race: 25th and final contest 25 years of wet and wild times — a Conestoga tradition

By Ken Cenerelli

As the Spring Thaw Boat Race marks its 25th anniversary this year, the event has experienced its share of wet and wild times.

The first race in 1967 was initiated by students as an opportunity to relieve stress after April exams.

But 25 years later, it has evolved into more of a community event.

The 1968 race had a total of 17 people in six canoes. The course, the Grand River, was 48-kilometres (30 mile) long, with the canoes launching from outside St. Jacob's and the first entrant landing in the community of Doon six hours later.

As the years passed, the number of entrants grew along with its popularity.

But in the fifth race in 1972, tragedy struck.

The race had evolved into what one police officer called a "booze party." Entrants were seen drinking openly before and during the race.

Organizers were accused of making no sustained effort to enforce the use of life jackets.

By race time, the number of entrants had swelled to 320. Efforts were made to register everyone but with the numbers and poor planning, the organizers failed.

The 40-kilometre (25-mile) race was to start at the iron bridge in

Conestoga and end .40 kilometres (a quarter-mile) past the Doon pioneer tower.

The Grand River was swollen and the race had been postponed once already. By the time the entrants had floated to the area by Freeport Hospital, near Old King Street, the water was rough.

Student Robert Hay was tossed from his canoe into the chilly water. Dragging operations started as soon as race organizers noticed him missing, but it was too late. Hay had drowned.

Public outcry was great and organizers were accused of not having a tight enough rein on the event.

Organizers then moved to implement rules which made life jackets mandatory and the consumption of alcohol grounds for disqualification.

The following year there was a noticeable rise in police attendance. Each vessel was numbered and checked off at three checkpoints. Even though the rules said no alcohol, police laid 20 liquor violations against participants.

Winners of the race in those early years were presented with the Black Toilet Bowl Award — a fur-lined toilet seat. This prize was later dropped when Labatt's Breweries started sponsoring the event.

Since then, the course and the amount of entrants has shrunk steadily each year.

The course decreased in size from 40 kilometres (25 miles) to its present 25.75 kilometres (16 miles).

By 1988 and 1989, the numbers were down to 34 and 25 respectively. The majority of these entrants were from the community.

However, in the 22nd annual race, held on April 8, 1989, DSA organizers decided to hold staggered start times. But this turned out poorly, as miscalculations in finishing times (due mainly to the speed of the river) resulted in prizes going

to the wrong people.

The boat race has had its share of problems, but the race has been an identifying event with the college and it usually provided a fun time for those students who were involved.

Final boat race is ready to roll

By Ken Cenerelli

On your mark. Get set. Go!

As boats float down the Grand River on April 25, the entrants will be competing for the honor of being the winner of the 25th and final Spring Thaw Boat Race.

The boat race is being cancelled because of lack of student involvement. The event became in reality a public relations vehicle for the college.

"It has slowly become more of a community event than a student one," said Becky Westman, Doon Student Association activities coordinator.

It costs the DSA \$2,750 per year to run the event, money the DSA finance committee believes could be spent more effectively.

"We felt the money put out towards this activity should be placed elsewhere, into an activity more for the students," Westman said.

The money will be reallocated to the Orientation and Winter Carnival budgets, as well as other activities run by the DSA.

Registration for the boat race is from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Labatt's van in the parking lot of the Bridgeport Community Centre.

Registration fee is \$5 and all entrants must have a health card number to register.

The race gets underway at 10 a.m., with three classes of floating devices competing for prizes.

The race starts at the community centre and finishing lines are determined by class. No motors or sails are allowed.

Canoes cannot be longer than 4.8 metres (16 feet) in length and have a maximum two people. The canoes will finish 25.75 kilometres (16 miles) later, .40 kilometres (a quarter-mile) past the Doon pioneer tower.

The home-made or junk category

has a limit of six people and the winners will finish .40 kilometres (a quarter-mile) down river from the Breslau bridge.

The kayak class will finish at the same point as the canoes.

Life jackets must be worn at all times and the Waterloo regional police will be on the river in a hovercraft for safety.

The DSA will be staffing three checkpoints and anyone failing to check in will be disqualified.

Waterloo Region React, a safety organization, will be stationed along the river with two-way radios.

St. John Ambulance staff will also be on hand.

Drinking before and during the race is prohibited. Violators will be disqualified.

"I encourage all those students who have any type of floating device to sign up on April 25," Westman said.

Coach's corner

By John L. Tachauer

The past school year was a big one for soccer fans.

In the fall of 1991, the women's outdoor soccer Condors was the team to beat in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association.

Conestoga College concluded the season with a gold medal.

The men's team wasn't as fortunate, but the team still took home the bronze.

In 1992, the men's Condors went indoors, claiming a gold medal in the recent indoor soccer championships, while the women's indoor team took home the silver.

The backbone of the two teams is the coaching staff, including head coach Geoff Johnstone.

Johnstone has a simple reason for his coaching success.

"Too many coaches over-coach," Johnstone said. "They are switched off after two minutes. They spend too much time setting plays. I like the teams to evolve. The basic system changes every year. I try to talk to each player about the job."

He doesn't have time to teach individual skills, he added. He gives credit to Kitchener and Cambridge minor soccer systems for teaching the players. "They must be doing a hell of a job," he said.

This gives Johnstone more



Coach Geoff Johnstone and his wall of memories.

(Photo by John L. Tachauer)

coaching time for laying out strategies and tactics.

It takes more than one coach to help the teams achieve great success. Johnstone gets help from other coaches, including Duane Shadd for the men's team, and Cathy Ryan and Vince Alviano for the women's team.

"Everyone knew their jobs," Johnstone said. "A good chunk of the Condor success came from the coaches and the players."

"We can't get through too many games without their assistance," he added, thanking the coaches for the work they did.

The women's team played 46 games in total with both indoor and outdoor schedules, including the playoffs, while the men played 37.

Johnstone predicts more Condor gold medals next year.

"There is no point in playing if you're not in it to win."

SPRING THAW BOAT RACE Saturday, April 25

CLASSES:

Canoe — Maximum 2 persons

Kayak — Maximum 1 person

Home-made Craft — Maximum 6 persons

No sails, motors or racing canoes allowed. Life jackets must be worn.

REGISTRATION:

April 25, 1992

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Labatt's Van, Bridgeport Community Centre

20 Tyson Dr., Kitchener

\$5 per person

START:

10 a.m., Bridgeport Community Centre

FINISH:

Canoe and Kayak — 15 miles down river approximately 1/2 mile past Doon Pioneer Tower at Pinnacle Drive
Home-made Craft — 6 miles down river near Forwell's Gravel Pit

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Edelweiss Tavern,
600 Doon Village Rd,
Following the race



For more information, please call 748-5131